tio Business School

The leading private business school in the Netherlands

International Study Guide
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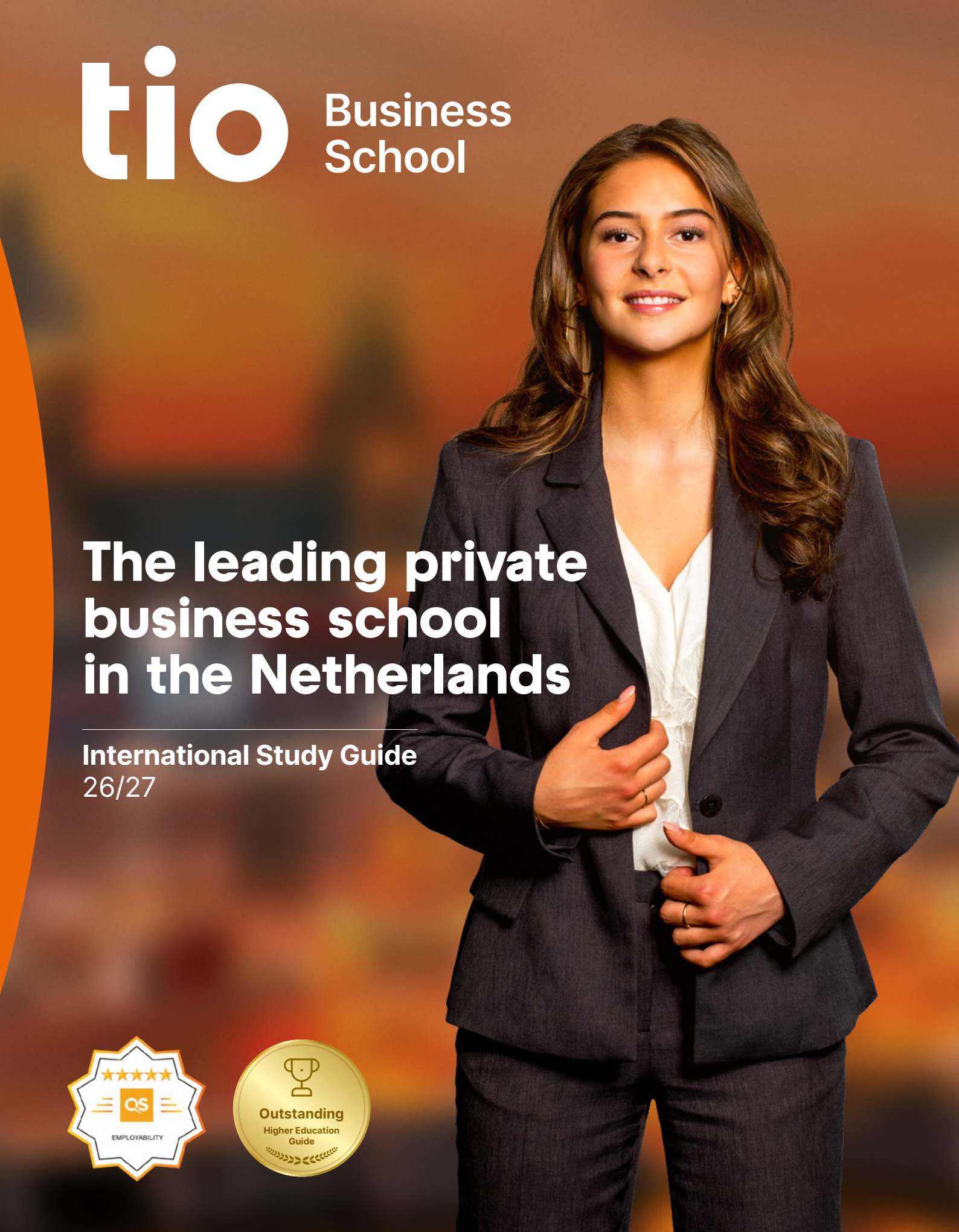

Kick-start your career in Amsterdam, the Netherlands

The Netherlands has it all: multinationals, a rich trading culture, a vibrant international job market, and English as its main business language. From world-class education to global career opportunities, the Dutch lead the way.

English? Yes please
Nearly everyone in the Netherlands speaks English fluently. In fact, our country has been ranked #1 globally in the EF English Proficiency Index for six consecutive years, including in the most recent survey, and Amsterdam comes first in the capital city ranking of English proficiency.

Thrive among multinationals
Many well-known global players, such as KPMG, Just Eat Takeaway, ING, ASML, Heineken, AkzoNobel and Philips are Dutch by origin. The world-famous travel platform Booking.com was created by Dutch students. Thanks to our favourable business climate, many multinationals from other parts of the world have also established their headquarters here, including IKEA, Adidas, and Airbus. Following Brexit, Amsterdam welcomed many more companies: Panasonic, the European Medicines Agency, Bloomberg Trading, and Sony, to name just a few.

Great place to live
The Netherlands consistently ranks in the top 10% of the Global Peace Index, prioritising safety and inclusivity. Our constitution guarantees freedom of choice, religion, and speech. With a high quality of life, we are also among the happiest nations, ranking 5th in the World Happiness Index. Key factors include high GDP, life expectancy, social support, freedom, and generosity.

Tio International Foundation Programme

At Tio, we make sure you're fully prepared for both studying and living in the Netherlands. We offer the tools you need to make a successful start.

Our International Foundation Programme gives you the opportunity to improve your English and gain academic abilities while preparing for your time as a student abroad. In 11 to 18 weeks, you'll enhance your language skills with support from expert tutors, while also learning about living in the Netherlands and what it's like to study at Tio. The programme includes introductory modules that will make your transition into your degree programme easier and more confident. Your improved level of English will be demonstrated by an official certificate.

Welcome to Tio Business School

At Tio, ambition meets opportunity. We offer a dynamic learning environment where you're encouraged to grow, challenge yourself and turn goals into reality.

Personalised learning experience

In classes of ten students on average, we ensure an exceptional educational experience that is both personal and professional. You'll be paired with a dedicated study coach. Whether it's securing the right internship, navigating challenges, or simply having someone to talk to, your coach is here to offer tailored support.

World-class education

As a private institution, Tio is fully geared to exceed industry and student expectations. Our acclaimed method, validated by international independent rankings, has consistently earned top credits for years. Our commitment to excellence is reflected by 5 QS Stars for teaching, global engagement, and employability. In the Dutch Higher Education Guide (Keuzegids hbo), Tio consistently surpasses the benchmark on all areas of student satisfaction. The quality of the lecturers and guidance, the atmosphere, and alignment with professional practice are particularly valued.

Practice-oriented, future-proof

Since 1969, Tio Business School has been preparing talented students for the professional world. With us, it's all about putting knowledge into practice: managing projects, gaining experience through paid internships, and even starting your own business. To keep you ahead of the competition, you'll work with powerful AI tools fully integrated in our programmes. Our experienced lecturers are active in the field, often as entrepreneurs, offering knowledge, inspiration, a strong network and real opportunities.

QS EMPLOYABILITY

Outstanding
Higher Education Guide

The city is your campus

Tio Business School is located at the heart of the city. Amsterdam's unique ecosystem means you're not just studying business - you're living it. Coffee meetings with entrepreneurs, paid English internships at multinationals, or networking with industry leaders: your classroom extends across the entire city.

Feel at home, wherever you're from

Tio offers more than an education: we build community. You'll become part of a close-knit, multicultural network of students, teachers and professionals. Did you know that at Tio, we welcome students from over 55 countries? Wherever you're from, you'll find people who support, challenge and inspire you – friends and mentors who feel like a second family.

All-in student setup

Your success doesn't happen by accident. It's carefully designed by Tio. From your airport pick-up to your personal student buddy and study coach and great facilities such as student housing, gym access and your very own Dutch bicycle. Build your future and experience student life to the fullest.

Cognatio: your own student association

Join Tio's exclusive national student association and make your student life unforgettable! It starts with an adventurous introduction trip to the Belgian Ardennes, followed by year-round events, parties and trips. Cognatio helps you expand your network, build friendships, and develop leadership and management skills so you get the most out of your student life!

> **Living at the Tio campus means I can walk to class, bike to my internship or to meet friends for dinner without ever needing a car. Amsterdam becomes your playground!**

Ahmed
MBA student

Housing guaranteed

Studying abroad is exciting and where you live shapes your student life. At Tio, housing is guaranteed: fully furnished, well-serviced, and tailored to your lifestyle.

Cityscape Residence

Want to be in the middle of it all? These modern apartments are found throughout the city in neighbourhoods full of cafés, parks, and shops. You'll have your own place while still being close to everything that makes Amsterdam exciting.

Price range: € 1,000 – € 1,400 a month

Suburban Living

Prefer a little peace and relaxation after a busy day? Suburban Living places you just outside the city in quiet neighbourhoods like Alkmaar or Zaandam. These offer a calm, residential vibe and are closely connected to Amsterdam by public transport.

Price range: up to € 1,000 a month

Heritage Housing

Like lots of character in your home? Heritage Housing features apartments in historic and typical Dutch buildings full of charm and history. With great facilities in modernised shared apartments, Heritage Housing is perfect for students who want to live in the heart of the city and enjoy social interaction.

Price range: from € 1,400 a month

For full details, please visit our website or get in touch with us directly.

Study programmes

Bachelor's degree

Business Management

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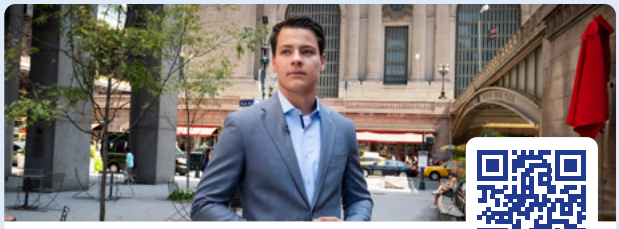
This future-proof programme prepares you for a management-level career in the world of business and entrepreneurship. You have the opportunity to become an expert in a specific field by choosing one of our specialisation programmes:

- **Automotive**
- **Digital Business & Generative AI**
- **Entrepreneurship**
- **Fashion Management**
- **Interior & Design**

Accelerated success: why Tio students lead

- 3-year bachelor's vs traditional 4 years
- 1-year MBA vs traditional 2 years
- Real business experience vs theoretical case studies
- Global network vs local connections
- AI mastery vs basic digital literacy



Bachelor's degree

International Business Management

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Develop your talents and expertise to become a consultant or a successful manager for a large international organisation or establish yourself as an independent entrepreneur. You'll launch your own company, start an international business, and create your own career opportunities. The curriculum covers international strategic management, investing and the stock market, management accounting, and global marketing.

Bachelor's degree

Hotel and Event Management

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Welcome to the world of top hotels, star restaurants, and unforgettable hospitality events. Put yourself in your guests' shoes and use your knowledge and skills in management, organisation and e-commerce to create memorable experiences for others and a successful future for yourself. You have the opportunity to become an expert in a specific field by choosing one of our specialisation programmes:

- **Entrepreneurship**
- **Festival Management**
- **Luxury Management**

Bachelor's degree

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International Tourism Management

Prepare yourself for a career in the future of tourism, events, and business. From incentive trips to new and original ways to draw attention to a beautiful location, you will have the knowledge and skills to make it happen. You have the opportunity to become an expert in a specific field by choosing one of our specialisation programmes:

- **Entrepreneurship**
- **Experience Travel**
- **Festival Management**
- **Luxury Management**

Bachelor's degrees

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Commerce Economics and Entrepreneurship

Strong brands with amazing campaigns, developed by entrepreneurial professionals who cleverly react to consumers' wishes. If you're passionate about sales, have an entrepreneurial mindset and think creatively, this programme is perfect for you! You have the opportunity to become an expert in a specific field by choosing one of our specialisation programmes:

- **Digital Business & Generative AI**
- **Experience Travel**
- **Influencer Marketing**

Professional master's degree

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Master of Business Administration

An MBA is a title of great professional value and an invaluable addition to your CV that opens many new doors. Our MBA programme is unique in design, practice-oriented, and offers the opportunity to earn this prestigious and internationally accredited title in just one year! Within the MBA you will choose a specialisation and become an expert in one of the following fields:

- **Global Leadership & Intercultural Management**
- **Data Strategy & Business Intelligence**
- **Entrepreneurship**
- **Hospitality Management**
- **Real Estate Management**
- **Commercial Management**

Tio has prepared me brilliantly for working in an international field. Tio teaches you cross-cultural skills as well as international sales skills. These give me a great edge when I do business.

Jasper
International Business Management student

Your future starts here

We help our students become the leaders of tomorrow. With 98% of graduates employed within three months and programmes tailored to your ambitions, success isn't a coincidence – it's part of the plan.

Recognised and respected

Tio alumni step into the professional world with substance. Your degree reflects high standards and close ties to the field. You've worked on real business cases, developed essential professional skills and made your mark during internships. Tio's strong reputation and future-focused approach make you stand out: a top choice among employers worldwide. As Tio is highly regarded by the business community, graduates are well prepared for a successful start in the Netherlands, their home country or abroad.

Specialised and ready for the future

You will have developed excellent business skills and an entrepreneurial mindset: a core element of every Tio study programme. By choosing a specialisation, you've become an expert in a specific field. As the business world evolves rapidly and increasingly relies on advanced technologies, we help you navigate this landscape with the latest AI tools and digital knowledge. You've even learned to create your own AI assistants and agents.

You've had access to support that was personal and tailored to your ambitions and goals. Study coaches helped you sharpen your goals, you became part of your lecturers' networks and mentors saw where you could go next. This mix of global perspective, individual attention and personal support sharpens your focus and prepares you for whatever lies ahead. You will know how to turn ambition into action, and knowledge into impact. You're not just ready for a successful future: you're already creating it.

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Working in the Netherlands: Your gateway to the world

You are invited to continue your professional life in the Netherlands after graduating. Thanks to the Dutch government's 'Orientation Year for Highly Educated Persons', you have an additional twelve months to explore career opportunities, work for multiple employers, or even launch your own startup!

A network for life

Studying at Tio means you've built something lasting. The most recent HBO Monitor, an independent national survey, shows that no less than 98% of our alumni found work immediately after completing their studies.

We believe in the value of staying in touch professionally and socially, therefore we foster our large alumni network, both online and offline. Career and networking opportunities are shared and created through our LinkedIn community. At any moment in your career after graduation from Tio, exciting opportunities may arise. Show dedication and excellence, and this will open opportunities to unexpected business offers!

> **The years at Tio have shaped me accordingly. I have grown on a personal level through the lecturers and various projects. I still benefit every day from what I learned at Tio.**

Jihad Yasser Ali
Tio alumna and nominee for the Young Amsterdam Award

Requirements, fees and financing

We are looking forward to welcoming you as our student at our campus in Amsterdam!

Admission requirements

Check our admission requirements per country here:

Language requirements

For non-native English speakers, an English proficiency test could be part of our admission process.[1]

Options	Bachelor	MBA
IELTS (academic level)	> 6.0 overall	> 6.5 overall
TOEFL (iBT)	> 80 score	> 90 score
Cambridge exam	> 160 score Cambridge first certificate	> 180 score Cambridge first certificate
Pearson (PTE)	> 61 score	> 64 score

Fees

Annual tuition bachelor	€ 24,500 [2, 3]
Annual tuition MBA	€ 25,500
Enrolment fee (for all applications)	€ 95
Tuition year 4th year of bachelor programme	50% of the indexed annual tuition fee

Tio scholarships

Every year we offer scholarships to talented and promising international students. These scholarships are awarded for one academic or more. Please visit tio.nl/scholarships for more information about the scholarship and funding procedures.

Tio Talent Scholarship	Tio Super Talent Scholarship
25% of annual tuition	50% of annual tuition
Above average study results	Outstanding study results
IELTS Academic score of 6.5 or higher	IELTS Academic score of 7.0 or higher

Non-EU package fee

Start your journey stress-free with Tio's all-in €14,750 package for non-EU students. This deposit covers your visa, insurance, airport pick-up, and part of your housing costs. We'll arrange your accommodation based on your preferences.

1 Based on your prior education and/or nationality, you may be exempted from the test requirement.

2 If the tuition fee is paid in one full payment, a € 350 discount applies. For students from outside the EU/EEA who choose to pay in 12 monthly instalments, the first two instalments will be invoiced before the start of the academic year. This will be on the 1 July for the September intake or on 1 of November for the January intake.

3 The Dutch immigration authority requires you to prove that you are able to meet the financial requirements of living and studying in the Netherlands. There are several options in which you are able to indicate that you are able to meet the financial requirements towards Tio Business School and we will inform and assist you accordingly.

4 Housing fees may vary depending on availability and preference. If you arrange your own housing through friends or relatives, please provide us with the address for your visa application. The package fee will then be reduced by the amount allocated for part of the first-year housing costs. Please note: hostels/hotels do not meet visa requirements, as they are not considered permanent residential addresses.

Application and acceptance

- **Visit tio.nl/registration**
  Choose your study programme and start your application
- **Schedule a consultation**
  Speak with our admissions team about your goals and ambitions
- **Prepare your documents**
  Gather transcripts, test scores, and personal statements
- **Submit your application and payment**
  Secure your spot at Tio
- **Welcome to the Netherlands (Jan or Sep 2026)**
  Your road to success starts here

Visa acceptance rate over 99%

Coming to the Netherlands from outside the EU/EEA? We've got you! The visa application acceptance rate for international students at Tio is exceptionally high at over 99%!

Application deadlines

January enrolment

- EU students: 1 January
- Non-EU students: 15 October

September enrolment

- EU students: 1 September
- Non-EU students: 15 June

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Are you ready for a successful future?
Apply now!

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